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SALTED CLAMS FOR FISH BAIT.

Sch. Lillian Brings Cargo From Maine to This Port.

Sch. Ingomar is the only craft here from off shore this morning with a fish fare. Capt. Wildes hails from Georges with 40,000 pounds of fresh cod and 30,000 pounds of fresh haddock. The wind holds still to the eastward and is blowing quite strong outside, and it may be that the market boats will not have much of a chance to set.

Yesterday afternoon the steamer Quoddy brought in 6000 pounds of fresh fish and steamer Nomad had a like amount. During the night sch. Lillian came in from the Maine coast with nearly 600 barrels of salted clams for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, which will be used later for bait by some of the vessels of that concern's big dory handline salt codfishing fleet. Sch. Marion Turner is here from Portland this morning with a seineboat in tow, to get ready for pollock seining.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Lillian, Maine coast, 600 bbls. salted clams.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Marion Turner, pollock seining.
Sch. Elizabeth N., via Boston.
Br. sch. Strathcona, via Boston.
Steam yacht Philomena, Boston to fit for gill netting.
Sch. Florida, shore.
Sch. George H. Lube, via Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.
Sch. Nokomis, via Boston.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.
Sch. Valentinna, via Boston.
Sch. Olympia, pollock seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Actor, Boston.
Sch. Muriel, haddocking.
Steamer Nomad, netting.
Steamer Quoddy, netting.
Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt banking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9½ cents per lb., for white, and 7 3-4 cents per lb. for gray.
Georges halibut, 10c per lb., for white and 8c for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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Halibut Fares at Portland.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, of this port, landed 30,000 pounds of halibut at Portland, selling at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray, with the heads off, and stocking \$2800.

This morning, sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, is at Portland with 25,000 pounds of fresh halibut, sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, is also there with 25,000 pounds of halibut.

Highline of Provincetown Fleet.

Sch. Mary C. Santos is high liner of the Provincetown fishing fleet this season. Since January 8 fresh cod and haddock, valued at nearly \$10,000 has been taken. The dory men have each earned \$252.

Newburyport Fishermen Put Boats in Commission.

Capt. Walter King of Newburyport launched his motor boat, Unknown, which has been in winter quarters at William Bowen's yard yesterday. He came here after a new seine and in the near future will go to the eastward on a pollock seining trip.

When the Unknown was passing up the river in the early part of the winter a cake of ice scraped her side and made such an injury that it was necessary to put in five new planks. She is now in excellent condition.

Capt. Nestor Thurlow, another of the Newburyport fishermen, launched his power boat, the Beatrice E., yesterday, and will also go to the eastward after pollock.

Lunenburg, N. S., Fisheries News.

Sch. Shamrock, Zinck, is at Mahone Bay, unloading a cargo of fish.

The new schooner Cecil L. Beck was launched Tuesday afternoon from the yard of Smith & Rhuland. She is of the Clintonia type, and measures 117 feet over all, is 26 feet beam, 10½ feet hold, and will register about 95 tons. She will be commanded by Capt. Abbott Beck, and will engage in bank fishing.

Sch. Montana's loading at the Atlantic Fish Companies wharf.

The following schooners are fitting for the banks: Warren G. Winters, Beatrice S. Mack, Gladys B. Smith, Muriel M. Young and Lila D. Young.

Newfoundland Sealing Fleet.

With 2500 men aboard, the Newfoundland seal fishing fleet of 18 steamers will start today from St. John's on its annual cruise to the sealing grounds.

The date is two days later than last year, and was fixed by an agreement entered into by all shipowners involved. Because of the unusual number of immature seals killed last year, it was deemed advisable to set back the date for sailing.

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GIVEN CRAYON PORTRAIT.

President Neal of New England Fish Exchange Surprised.

John R. Neal, one of the leading dealers at T wharf, Boston, was given a pleasant surprise on Friday by his fellow business men. Late in the afternoon he was called to the office of the New England Fish Exchange, where he found nearly all of the members assembled, and was presented with a large crayon portrait of himself as a mark of recognition of the labors he has performed as president of the exchange in making it a success, and of his interest in the various enterprises in which the wholesale dealers at the wharf are identified.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish are cheap. The market has been receiving a steady supply this week and more came in Friday. The price has dropped to the lowest point it has been this season. Warm weather and a full supply already in the different houses caused the drop in price. It is not so bad for the fish dealers, for the fishermen are really the worst affected. The drop in the price of fish come back on them and they hardly get enough money to pay them for the trouble of going out. The following fares were reported here Friday: Albert D. Willard, 8000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Albert W. Black, 9000; Mildred Nunan, 3000; Carrie and Mildred, 2000; Fanny Hayden, 4000; Bernie and Bessie, 4500; Olympia, 10,000 pollock; Defender, 2500; Bessie Dugan, 5000 pollock; Lizzie May, 5000; Lochinvar, 15,000; Fannie Reed, 4000.

The fishing schooner Rose is tied up at Long wharf, where C. B. Mallett is caulking her topsides besides making some other slight repairs.

It is not unusual for a fishing schooner to bring in a lobster, but the schooner Lochinvar brought in one Friday morning that is the largest landed here for a long time. The big fellow weighed 11 pounds and measured 30 inches in length. While about all the lobsters brought in here are caught in traps the one brought in by the Lochinvar was caught in an ordinary fish trawl and was landed on the deck of the Lochinvar by Deland Greenleaf of the crew. The lobster was sold to S. A. Skillings & Co., and is now on exhibition.

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Returned With Coal Cargo.

Sch. Arbutus, which completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at New York last week, arrived here yesterday with a load of coal.

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OFFSHORE DAY AT T WHARF.

Fifteen of 26 Arrivals from Georges and Brown's.

It's an off shore day at T wharf today, for of the 26 arrivals there this morning with fish, 15 are from the Georges and Brown's Banks. All have good fares and many of the market boats also are well fished, so the receipts figure up about 1,200,000 pounds, fully a million pounds being in the off shore vessels. Prices are low generally, although some shore haddock are bringing \$3.

Of the off-shore crafts, sch. Richard, Capt. Miles Somers, from the eastward, has the largest fare, 105,000 pounds, 80,000 lbs. of which are haddock. Sch. Frances P. Mesquita has 90,000 lbs., sch. Susan and Mary, 80,000, sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 85,000, sch. Squanto 75,000 and sch. Quonnapowitt 70,000 pounds. Schs. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., Natalie J. Nelson, Rex, Esperanto, Benj. F. Phillips, Evelyn L. Thompson and Georgianna all have good catches.

Sch. Teazer of the fresh halibut fleet is there with 8000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of fresh and 7000 pounds of salt fish.

Of the market boats, sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins, has the banner fare, 36,000 pounds and sch. Emily Cooney, Capt. Patrick Murphy, 33,000 pounds. Sch. Annie Perry of the Provincetown fleet has 34,000 pounds. Schs. Buema and Mary C. Santos also have good catches.

Off-shore haddock went from \$1.25 and \$1.30 and shore goods at from \$2.50 to \$3. Shore cod went from \$2.50 to \$2.60 and markets at \$1.75 and \$2. Hake were from \$1.25 to \$2.25 and pollock and cusk at \$2.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Squanto, 25,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 18,000 haddock, 37,000 cod.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 43,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips.
Sch. Winnifred, 28,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, 20,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Richard, 80,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Rex, 20,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 45,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Esperanto, 65,000 haddock.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr.
Sch. Susan and Mary, 65,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 30,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Teazer, 7000 salt cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 8000 halibut.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Buema, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 14,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Eva Avina, 500 cod.
Sch. Metamora, 28,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Nettie, 1600 cod.
Sch. Julietta, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Hockomock, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Annie Perry, 24,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Off-shore haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.30 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$2.50 to \$3; shore large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.60; shore market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.25; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$2; a few off-shore cod sold at \$2.50 for large and \$2 for markets.

Fresh Halibut Sales.

The fares of sch. Preceptor sold to the New England Fish Company and that of sch. Senator to the American Halibut Company, each at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray, with the heads on. This the skippers figure is about as good as 12 cents for white and 9 cents for gray on the old way of buying and much better than the 10 and 8 cent price at Portland Saturday for fish weighed with the heads off.

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MAN-EATING SHARKS ATTACK BATHERS

Many Instances on Record Where They Have Caused Deaths.

For many years the question as to whether sharks will attack living human beings while in the water has been hotly debated by scientists, sportsmen and laymen in general.

Practically none of the dissenters live in the tropics. Put the direct question to an inhabitant of tropical countries who lives on the seashore and he will unhesitatingly reply in the affirmative.

The average Panamanian would consider the question foolish. The bay on the Pacific side abounds in sharks and none of the natives will ever take a swim in the deep waters of it. Some foreigners used to do so until one of the engineers working on the canal during the French regime, a young Colombian named Jules Patterson, was killed by a shark a number of years ago. When his body was recovered it had been almost entirely stripped of flesh.

This incident led to a war of reprisal on the sharks. Many of the natives are content with simply catching and killing them, but the favorite method is called "crucifying." The shark is hooked and drawn on deck, care being taken to see that he cannot use his terrible mouth for biting. He is laid down on the boards and his fins securely nailed thereto in such a way that he cannot use them. The tail is then cut close off, and the unfortunate animal thrown overboard. He cannot swim and he cannot steer himself. He is helpless and the other members of his own family attack and devour him.

Man eaters abound in the open ocean around the Hawaiian Islands and occasionally one gets inside the coral reefs which surround the islands about a mile from the shore line. While the writer was in Honolulu in 1904 a monstrous man eater measuring 25 feet in length, was

caught by one of the Japanese fishermen. Upon opening the stomach, the body of a man, complete from the waist down, with the exception of one leg was found. The next day a native woman by means of certain scars, identified the body as that of her husband. He had mysteriously disappeared a day or two before while bathing inside the reef off Diamond Head. Some ducks, tin cans and two blocks of wood were found in the stomach of the animal.

Another man eater a few days later was 14 feet long and 4 1-2 feet in circumference at the widest part. The mouth measured 22 inches from top to bottom and 23 inches across and the jaw when dried could be slipped over the head of a man weighing about 150 pounds and dropped to his feet without touching him.

Claim Borne Out By Naval Records.

Naval records bear out the assertion that the shark is a man eater. According to Assistant Surgeon F. M. Munson, on November 2, 1904, a boatswain's mate of the Piscataquis, then lying in the inner harbor of Olongapo, P. I., while bathing from the side of the ship was bitten on the foot by a shark. The foot was quite badly torn and crushed, but the man recovered, only a slight stiffness of the foot remaining.

Another official report on file in the Navy department is to the effect that on February 9, 1907, as one of the boats belonging to the little gunboat Elcano was being rowed out to the ship the plug in the bottom of the boat came out. To prevent it from being swamped, J. J. Dunlap, a sailor belonging to the Elcano, thrust his finger into the hole. The finger was immediately bitten off as if it were amputated by a surgeon, though the amputation was by a shark.

John T. Clark, a well known swimmer in 1882, had a very narrow escape from serving as a meal for two hungry sharks while giving an exhibition at Pensacola, Fla. He had agreed to be sewn up in a big sack, heavily weighted with sand, and be thrown into the bay near the navy yard, from which bag he was to escape by cutting his way out with a knife and swim ashore.

At the appointed time, a flatboat took him out some distance from shore and after being tied up in the sack he was thrown overboard. He had hardly got more than 30 feet below the surface when something bumped against the sack and almost instantly the idea flashed through his mind that it was a shark. Before he could do anything there was a bump from the other side of the bag. In a moment or two he had cut his way out and was rising to the surface, still clutching the knife in his hand. Once something cold grazed his leg as he was rising.

On reaching the surface he was greeted with cheers, but noted with dismay that there were no boats near. He started to swim toward the near-

est boat when the water parted a few feet to one side and he could make out the long, black fin of a shark. The monster headed at once for him and as he was about to dive to escape its clutch, another shark dashed in.

As the first shark turned over on his side in order to bite, Clark dived below the surface, then up under the shark and drove the knife time after time into its vitals, and it sank to the bottom. As he came to the surface gasping for breath, a yawl boat manned by excited sailors from the navy yard ran alongside and he was pulled aboard just in time to escape the second shark.

As the Hamburg-American liner Alleghany was at Aux Cayes on October 12, 1907, loading cargo an exciting incident happened. Lighters were alongside the vessel and William Thomas, a seaman, and a number of others were busy getting the cargo aboard, unmindful of a number of sharks which were circling around. As Thomas was reaching out to disentangle a rope he slipped and fell overboard. The sharks at once made a rush for him and it would have been all over with the sailor had not the first mate rushed to the nearby galley, grabbed up a large piece of beef and, returning to the side, hurled it into the water. This fell into the midst of the sharks and while they were fighting over it Thomas swam to the side of the lighter, grabbed a line and was hauled on board.

Swampscott Fisherman Was Victim of Shark a Few Years Ago.

While Joseph Elaney was fishing from a dory off Swampscott a few years ago, he was attacked by a shark. After a number of rushes the man eater managed to upset the boat, grab the unfortunate fisherman and carry him under water. All this was done in plain sight of men who were hastening to the rescue.

One day during the latter part of August, 1905, George Wright, a stock broker of Pittsburg, Pa., accompanied by several friends, went out to the fishing banks off Atlantic City in a naphtha launch for a day's outing. After making a good catch the captain was about to weigh anchor and start for home when Wright insisted upon having a swim. Being an expert swimmer, the young man dived boldly off the craft and swam away like a fish.

Shortly afterward the captain signalled for Wright to return. The swimmer by long, powerful strokes immediately turned and was making toward the boat, when those in the boat were horrified to see less than a hundred yards away and directly in the path of the swimmer a school of man eating sharks. The captain immediately started his engine and headed the boat for the scene of action. Meanwhile he had grabbed up a loaded shotgun, which he always carried in his craft.

By this time Wright had awakened to his danger, for he was seen wildly swimming in the direction whence he came. In less time than it takes to tell it, the captain had fired and killed the foremost shark.

When the launch reached Wright, who was almost exhausted, he was lifted aboard and immediately swooned. Three of the toes of his right foot had been nipped off by a shark. —New York Sun.

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HADDOCK AND HALIBUT FARES.

Also Fleet of Market Boats at This Port Today.

Two fine haddock fares and two good halibut trips are here this morning, besides a big fleet of market boats which are hanging in on account of the low glass and threatening, uncertain weather. The barometer has been dropping steadily and the skippers don't like the looks of the unusually heavy undertow which was heaving in here yesterday.

At the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company are schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. James D. Goodwin with 100,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock and sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish. Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, has 20,000 pounds of halibut and sch. Senator, Capt. George Marr, also hauls for a like amount of halibut.

On Saturday afternoon sch. Cynthia brought in 60,000 pounds of fresh cod from Boston and the steam netters Quoddy and Nomad had about 7000 pounds each of fresh fish.

Yesterday sch. Yakima, which came up from Portland, where she landed a fine fare of halibut, with 10,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Arbutus is here from New York with coal.

Quite a number of off-shore vessels, as well as the boats, are held up by the bad weather.

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Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Benjamin, A. Smith, Georges 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Preceptor, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Senator, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, via Boston.

Sch. Yakima, via Portland.

Sch. Olympia, via Portland.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. George H. Lube, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Nokomis, shore.

Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.

Sch. Dauntless, via Boston.

Sch. Valentinna, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Yakima, via Portland, 10,000 lbs. salt fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Steamer Nomad, shore.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock seining.

Sch. Lucania, haddocking.

Sch. Lillian, haddocking.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Grayling, eastern deck handling.

Sch. John Hays Hammond.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

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Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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MACKEREL REPORTED SCHOOLING IN SOUTHERN WATERS.

Report Brought to Boston by Captain of Coastwise Steamer.

Advance Fleet Will Be Later in Getting Away Than Last Year.

Mackerel schools are reported sighted to the southward. The same report comes to hand about this time every year, but this is no reason for doubting its authenticity, for it is about time when the schools should begin to show down Hatteras way. The seining army this year seems to be in charge of "General Apathy" and nobody, either captains or crews, seem anxious to start and the vessel owners too, seem in no hurry to have them go.

Nevertheless the report of mackerel sighted may stir them up a little although it will not hasten the sailing of any of the fleet.

The report comes from a good source, the fish being seen by the officers of the steamer City of Augusta, which arrived at Boston from Savannah late Saturday. They report the schools, large ones, on Friday last, off Cape Lookout, and working north. The loca-

tion is well down to Hatteras and about where the fish first show.

Early Fleet Will Sail Later Than Last Year.

While as yet none of the southern seining fleet has made a move to get ready, last year at this time three of the fleet had already sailed, schs. Electric Flash and Monarch sailing March 11 and sch. Arthur James going March 15.

This season schs. Effie M. Prior and Ralph L. Hall are expected to be the first of the fleet that will get away and their departure is set down for in the vicinity of March 25, while the most of the seining captains are figuring on sailing about the first week in April.

Last season 27 sail of the southern seining fleet had sailed from here before April 1, so it is easily seen that the idea of the skippers this spring is "there's no use to rush." Incidentally the full of the moon comes March 25 and as "darks" are what the southern seiners want it looks as though they had their starts figured out about right.

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CAPT. MORGAN NOT COMING.

Will Not Engage in Mackerel Seining This Season.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, the well known mackerel seining skipper, and one of the best in the business, is not coming on from his Virginia home this season, to engage in the southern mackerel fishery.

The news comes in the nature of a great surprise and was contained in a letter received from Capt. Morgan, yesterday by Orlando Merchant, owner of the gasoline auxiliary sch. Constellation, in command of which or other vessels from the same firm he has been for many seasons.

The news will also be a great surprise to the other skippers of the fleet, as well as to the fishermen, quite a number of whom were counting on "going with Morgan" this season.

WENT DOWN WITH CREW.

Tug Nina Sunk in Storm off the Delaware Capes.

The naval tug Nina probably went down in the storm off the Delaware Capes without giving her crew of 32 men time even to lower a boat. The condition of the lifeboat from the missing tug found this week near Metompkin inlet on the Delaware coast seems to show that the boat was torn away from the davits either as the Nina went down or after she sank.

This has been shown by an examination of the boat at the Norfolk navy yard. The block from a davit was still hanging to one of the rings of the boat.

New Vessel in Commission.

The new Provincetown sch. Josephine DeCosta, the last new vessel to join the market fishing fleet, has been rigged and made ready to sail, and yesterday went to Provincetown to take on her gear and bait. Capt. Marion Perry, who will command her, will sail at once for the fishing grounds, and the new vessels should be back to Boston before the end of the week.

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The Salt Fish Export Trade.

Holmwood & Holmwood, of London, advise that the European markets are somewhat discouraging. Consumption is small, notwithstanding the advent of Lent, and prices are declining. They will have to go much lower to utilize all the fish arrived and on passage, in the opinion of these correspondents.

A more cheerful note is struck by the "Trade Review," of St. Johns, N. F., which says: "The foreign fish markets are absorbing our product at a satisfactory pace, and stocks in the city are growing beautifully less. From indications we are going to have clean stores much earlier than usual this season, and outfitting will be opened with more than usual activity. The market on this side of the Atlantic is especially healthy, and the only complaint now is that the medium for shipping the goods away is not up to the present requirements. There is no mistake about it, the time is now come for better and more frequent steam connection between this country, the West Indies and South America, and the quicker the government and the trade realize this, the better. The slow and roundabout way of shipping our fish via New York entails time and expense entirely out of keeping with our growing commercial demands."

Fishermen Scarce at Newfoundland.

Capt. W. Hollet in sch. Australia and Capt. T. Hollet in sch. Alameda of the Newfoundland fleet, have gone to Rose Blanche and vicinity to begin fishing operations. They have engaged about 20 men each and are paying them as high as \$235 for the voyage. It was very hard to get men to go on the shares, they preferring to take the large amount offered for the voyage. A large number of men are still wanted by the different skippers at Burin. Messages were sent to New Harbor and other ports near there, asking for men, but none could be secured as the majority of them are engaged in the woods cutting railway ties, etc., and the others are waiting to begin work on the railway in the spring.

Nova Scotia Vessels Doing Well.

The Halifax Chronicle says: "Vessels are already outfitting for the Banks, and doubtless will do well. Increased transportation facilities, cold storage warehouses and other factors now enable the bankers to sell, if they want to, at remunerative prices, the fish almost fresh, on their arrival here. We hear of one sale of 100,000 lbs. of this grade of fish, at 1 1-2c a lb. This would be the equivalent of about \$4.50 a qtl., dried, considering labor, loss of weight, etc."